In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please add the following text before page 1, line 1 and after the title:

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Background of the Invention

1. Technical Field

Please add the following text after page 1, line 16:

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2. Related Art

Please add the following text after page 2, line 8:

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Summary of the Invention

Please add the following text after page 2, line 20:

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Brief Description of the Drawings

Please add the following text after page 2, line 31:

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Detailed Description of the Invention

Please add the following text on the line after "CLAIMS:" and prior to claim 1, on page 6:

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--What is claimed is:--

On page 7, beginning on line 1, please amend the Abstract as follows:

A device ~~according to the invention,~~ for reading and/or writing information from ~~from/onto~~ an optical ~~information~~ carrier ~~(1)~~, the device comprising ~~comprises read means (2)~~ including an imager ~~means (21, 22, 23)~~ for imaging a radiation beam ~~(24) so as to form a~~ into scanning spot ~~(11) with which~~ to scan the ~~information~~ carrier, ~~(1) is scanned~~ and ~~including detection means (26)~~ a detector for generating a read signal ~~(S_{RS}) which is~~ indicative of the intensity of the radiation reflected from the ~~information~~ carrier ~~(1) at the location of the scanning spot (11)~~. The device has an information transfer mode, wherein ~~in which~~ the scanning spot ~~(11)~~ is moved in a first direction ~~(R1) with respect to the information carrier (1)~~. The device ~~further~~ has a displacement mode, wherein ~~in which~~ the scanning spot ~~(11)~~ is moved in a second direction ~~(R2)~~ transverse to the first direction ~~(R1)~~. The device includes a controller ~~control means (40, 41)~~ for controlling the imager ~~imaging means (21, 22, 23)~~ in response to a measurement signal (FE) ~~which is~~ indicative of the degree of focusing of the radiation beam ~~(24) at the location of the scanning spot (11)~~. The ~~control means~~ controller samples and holds ~~include sample and hold means (40) for sampling and holding~~ the measurement signal ~~(FE)~~ in response to a sample signal ~~(S_{CNTRL}). According to the invention the device is characterized in that the sample signal (S_{CNTRL})~~ causing ~~causes~~ the measurement signal ~~(FE)~~ to be sampled when the ~~said~~ intensity is comparatively high. ~~This measure reduces radial to vertical~~ thus reducing radial-to-vertical crosstalk.